Another Member.—

Sometimes water is not available in the third class compartment. Will the Government kindly arrange for it?

Second Member of Council.—

It is being done. When there is no water, you have to inform the Station Master or the Guard. Arrangements are also made to increase the capacity of the water tanks so as to hold more water.

MESSRS. SORAPPA and MARALEGOWDA (Sira Taluk) and CHOWDRI ABDUL RAZAK SAB (Sira Municipality).—

Q.—49. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The reasons for abolishing the Bench Court at Sira.

(*b*) The average number of cases left undisposed of each year from 1924 onwards till the abolition of the Bench Court.

(*c*) The expenditure incurred on the Bench Court every year.

(*d*) The annual income derived by the said court.

(*e*) Who were the Magistrates appointed for the Bench every quarter from October 1928 to October 1930 ?

(*f*) Who were the Magistrates that pleaded inability to serve on the Bench ?

(*g*) What were the reasons for nominating again the same Magistrates who thus pleaded their inability ?

(*h*) Whether any one had applied for inclusion in the list of Magistrates offering himself for service in place of the Magistrates who pleaded inability and what became of the application ?

(*i*) What was the volume of work turned out and the number of cases disposed of in the months of February and March 1930 in this Bench Court ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT.—

A.—49. (*a*) The court was not functioning properly by reason of want of harmony among the Honorary Magistrates and irregularities and delays in the disposal of cases. Some cases in which the accused were in custody had to be transferred to other courts on the report of the Chairman of the Bench Court that the cases could not be proceeded

with for want of quorum. As criminal justice was suffering on account of the apathy on the part of the Honorary Magistrates and as it was difficult to replace the Honorary Magistrates by other competent men, the Bench Court had to be abolished.

(*b*) No. of cases pending at the end of June 1925 .. 7
Do do 1926 .. 2
Do do 1927 .. 6
Do do 1928 .. 16
Do do 1929 .. 23
Do do 1930 .. 15

	Rs.
(*c*) 1924-25	96
1925-26	144
1926-27	152
1927-28	46
1928-29	27
Up to the end of April 1930	11

	Rs.	a.	p
(*d*) 1924-25	83	12	0
1925-26	78	8	4
1926-27	175	3	0
1927-28	204	10	0
1928-29	197	2	0
1929-30 up to the end of April 1930	146	2	0

(*e*) For the quarter ending—

31-12-1928	1.	Mr. Ramappa
	2.	,, K. Rangappa
	3.	,, Rahiman Khan
31-3-1929	1.	,, Gopalakrishna Iyengar
	2.	,, Y. Rudrayya
	3.	,, A. Basappa
30-6-1929	1.	,, Narasimhamurthi Rao
	2.	,, S. Venkatakrishnaiya
	3.	,, Y. Rudrayya
30-9-1929	1.	,, Narasimhamurthi Rao
	2.	,, S. Venkatakrishnhia
	3.	,, Yusuf Khan
31-12-1929	1.	,, Gopalakrishna Iyengar
	2.	,, S. J. Rahiman Khan
	3.	,, K. Rangappa
31-3-1930	1	,, Sorappa
	2.	,, Sreenivasachar
	3	,, A. Basappa
30-6-1930	1.	,, S. Ramappa
	2.	,, Yusuf Khan
	3.	,, Y. Rudrayya

The Bench Court was abolished from 1st May 1930.

(*f*) 1. Mr. Sorappa.
2. ,, K. Rangappa.
3. ,, S. Ramappa.

(*g*) Difficulty experienced in securing other suitable persons.

(*h*) It is reported that two gentlemen had applied, but they were not considered suitable.

		Regular	Miscellaneous
(*i*) In February 1930	..	14	10
In March 1930	..	21	3

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Sorappa.—

On whose report is the reply to (*f*) based? It is not correct.

Second Member of Council.—

If so, we shall enquire.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda..—

If you remove the Bench Courts, is it not necessary to provide itinerant courts?

Second Member of Council.—

That is being done.

Mr. Mahomed Imam.—

When will all the Bench Courts be abolished?

Second Member of Council.—

It is not the policy of Government to abolish all of them.

MR. J. MAHOMED IMAM (Mysore University Constituency).—

Q.—50. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The number of Boarders that can be accommodated in the Central College Hostel, Bangalore.

(*b*) The total number of applications for seats in this hostel last year.